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From: <jamespaulhamilton@cox.net>
Subject: Re: FW: Google Alert - "Florida TaxWatch"
To: milito_c@firn.edu

Cc:

• Good Morning!

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• I don't understand how you could have sent emails at 1:00 AM and get messages on the blackberry at 8:45 A.M. I tried to find it again, but no hot link took me to an article that I could find.

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• Jim

• ---- Connie <milito_c@firn.edu> wrote:

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• The article link was in the email. I'll get to my computer later and send it where you can find it...

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• Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

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• -----Original Message-----

• From: <jamespaulhamilton@cox.net>

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• Date: Sat, 9 Aug 2008 7:05:22

• To: Connie Milito<Connie.Milito@sdhc.k12.fl.us>

• Subject: Re: FW: Google Alert - "Florida TaxWatch"

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• ---- Connie Milito <Connie.Milito@sdhc.k12.fl.us> wrote:

• Hi!

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• I didn't know if the article was supposed to be attached or not, but I would like to see it and couldn't find it.

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- This is the opening round of exactly what I told you would happen. We will be attacked and they will promote the belief that we can cut our way to a \$9 billion reduction. Also, there is no evidence to support the statement that a one cent sales tax will raise the amount in the Orange County power point. We are getting about \$3.08 billion. And the amendment does not limit the replacement to one cent, as it allows the Legislature to use other means. I do not think we will get through this without uncovering the duplicity in the funds that have been provided over the past 12 years.
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- We will need truth in funding and truth in cutting.
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- I am ready to go after them, but it won't be pretty. However they will skewer us for the next four months and beyond when it comes time to addressing the replacement of the revenue. Remember that the author of this thing, John McKay was never a friend of public education and is a real estate developer who stands to gain a huge amount of money from the property tax cut.
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- I will call and talk through this, but we are going to have to have a strategy.
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- Jim Hamilton
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- Hi Victoria,
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- Thanks for sending the article. While I understand Dominic being opposed
- to Manatee wanting to replace their revenue by asking voters, I think it
- is crappy (a technical term) for him to just repeat the tired old rhetoric
- on administrators. I don't think cutting every single administrator,
- including principals and assistant principals would generate anything near
- the 30+ million the article says it would raise. And, does he know what
- they have cut over the last year?

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- Of course, the administrator plays well on ticking off the public so I

- guess it's effective for his purpose (this is the part of politics I hate).

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- BTW, I didn't forget the issue you asked me about for the Westchase Parks

- and Rec. I haven't had any luck because it is a crowded area of

- Hillsborough...but I have one more person I can ask, she's been on

- vacation but is back next week.

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- Later...

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- Connie

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- "Victoria Zepp" <vzepp@floridataxwatch.org> on August 8, 2008 at 3:19 PM

- -0400 wrote:

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